

Floyd Petersen, Mayor Stan Brauer, Mayor pro tempore Robert Christman, Councilmember Robert Ziprick, Councilmember Charles Umeda, Councilmember

COUNCIL AGENDA: March 28, 2006

TO:

City Council

SUBJECT:

Proclamation - Declaring April 2006 Child Abuse Prevention Month



# CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CA

### PROCLAMATION

## "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

## April 2006

WHEREAS, all children have the right to receive the care, protection and guidance a family provides, to be free from harm, and to have their physical, emotional and educational needs met, the State and Federal governments have proclaimed April 2006 as Child Abuse Prevention Month for the purpose of promoting community involvement in prevention child abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 39,000 children in San Bernardino County were referred to the Department of Children's Services for suspected child abuse and neglect in 2004; and

WHEREAS, as the prevention of child abuse requires rigorous solutions, energy, strength, determination and commitment from concerned citizens and the entire community, the Children's Assessment Center staff, San Bernardino County Department of Children's Services social workers, Public Health nurses, law enforcement officers, educators, behavioral health clinicians and others in the field are dedicated, compassionate and skilled individuals working under enormous pressure to protect children; and

WHEREAS, with the Blue Ribbon as the international symbol for child abuse prevention, the Children's Network and Children's Fund, in partnership with the San Bernardino County Departments of Children's Services, Public Health, Superintendent of Schools, Sheriff, Fire, Behavioral Health, Preschool Services, Library, and Transitional Assistance and First 5 of San Bernardino, the Child Care Planning Council, Children's Fund Assessment Center, Community Action Partnership, Loma Linda Children's Hospital, and Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, have planned a Blue Ribbon Media Campaign – the 8th "Annual Shine a Light on Child Abuse" Awards Breakfast during the month of April to increase awareness;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Floyd Petersen, Mayor of the City of Loma Linda, behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2006 as

#### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Loma Linda and, on behalf of the City Council, encourage citizens to participate in the events and to join in the efforts to prevent child abuse.

SIGNED this 28th day of March 2006.

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